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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

DIVISION OF MINING, LAND & WATER

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RE: PUBLIC NOTICE OF HEARING: PETITION TO DESIGNATE LANDS UNSUITABLE FOR COAL MINING

Dear Alaskan:

On January 21 2010, the Department of Natural Resources received a petition under AS 27.21.260 to designate anadromous water bodies and their associated riparian areas within the Chuit River Watershed unsuitable for surface coal mining. You filed this petition on behalf of Chuitna Citizens Coalition and Cook Inlet Keeper. The Department found the petition to be administratively complete on February 22, 2010, but made no other findings with respect to it.

Pursuant to 11 AAC 90.709, the Department of Natural Resources will hold a hearing on January 19, 2011 at the Challenger Learning Center located in Kenai Alaska (9711 Kenai Spur Hwy. Kenai, AK 99611). The hearing will begin at 6pm.

6:00 – 6:30 p.m. Introductions

6:30 – 9:00 p.m. Petitioner/Intervener/Public Testimony

Any person may submit oral or written comments as to the merits of the petitions to designate portions the Chuit River Watershed as unsuitable for surface coal mining operations pursuant to AS 27.21.260 and 11AAC 90.705(a). **Written comments on the merits of the petition submitted prior to the hearing must be received by DNR no later than 5:00pm January 19th.** Send comments to the address below or email them to Russell.kirkham@alaska.gov.

If you have a legal interest that may be adversely affected, you may request in writing to intervene in the proceeding under 11 AAC 90.705(e). You must include in your request your name, address, telephone number, the interest you hold(s) that is or may be adversely affected, the identity of the petition to which you are responding to, and allegation of fact including supporting evidence that support or dispute the allegation found in the petition. Request should be addressed to Chuit River Watershed Lands Unsuitable Petition , AK Dept of Natural resources, 550 W 7th Ave Site 920, Anchorage AK 99502 or emailed to russell.kirkham@alaska.gov. **All requests for intervention must be submitted to DNR by 5:00pm January 5, 2011.**

If you have any further questions about the processing of the petition, please contact Russell Kirkham at 907-269-8650.

Sincerely,


Russell Kirkham
Coal Program Manager

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